

Southeast PTO Minutes

October 5, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:03

Attending: Julie Brown, Kimberly Clark, Andrea Lennon, Gordon Clark, Norma Fisher-Doiron, Suzanne Kelly, Michael Kelly, Jennie Novick, Patty Braithwaite, Ana Lena Fidantsef, Tia Willour, Ruth Washington, Michele Boskovic, Monique Brown

Principals Report:

Parent's hour was a presentation by Barbara Casey from the iParentnetwork. She talked about the website which is a social network for parents. For more information visit iparentnetwork.org

Upcoming is the Science Sampler. On Mondays grades 1 and 2 will participate and on Wednesdays grades 3 and 4.

Family math night coming up at the end of the month (10/27).

Study Island (an online program for 3rd and 4th graders) will have an afterschool program on Tuesdays and Thursdays which will be kind of an academy on how to use it.

A wellness policy letter was passed around regarding food policies; working to do away with food for celebrations. A flyer will go out for healthy fundraising ideas.

The enrichment program is seeking presenters.

The science fair and Invention Convention will be in November this year (11/18) instead of March. The statewide science fair is in May. UConn interns will be available in November but not March and the science fair will not be offered in both fall and spring.

President's report:

Thank you's to those who helped with the Fall Carnival: Karen Mitlitsky, Kimberly Clark, Gordon Clark, Patty Braithwaite, Andrea Lennon, Margaret Morrison, Norma Fisher-Doiron, Monique Brown, Betsy Parker, Mia Mitoma, Hope Pearl, Dave Delaney, Dave Landry, Art Engler, Jennie Novick, Mark Ballou, and Jen Schletter.

The fall carnival sold twelve thousand tickets. For official numbers regarding profit, see treasurer's report. A second silent auction (to sell the remaining items from the first silent

auction) will be held at the ice cream social. Julie also proposed an organizer's meeting for next year's carnival. Tentative dates will be floated later.

The ice cream social is Friday (10/9). We are still in need of scoopers and a note has gone onto the iParentnetwork. Also a QNotify request needs to go to Nancy Banfield to request scoopers and helpers.

Kimberly needs a co helper to take over the book fair for next year. The book fair will be the week of parent teacher conferences. (Jennifer Novick volunteered)

Kimberly also mailed off \$200 in box tops and 1200 points in soup labels.

Covenant Soup Kitchen was very appreciative of the donation from the fall carnival. 600 items went to the soup kitchen.

The PTO will still do an ice cream social in the spring as well.

Also the sign for the parking spot will go up soon. Orange cone will mark the magic spot until then.

Vice President's Report:

The bulbs fundraiser made \$295 in profit and the catalog has 23 orders.

Picture day is set up for 10/29.

The PTO will do a teacher wish list at the book fair. A motion to accept this was made by Suzanne and seconded by Patty.

Last year's pie sale made \$500 for the Harakaly family. This year this fundraiser money will go back into the PTO treasury.

The following ideas were floated as fundraisers to replace some of the older ones:

Equal Exchange with all organic products; Calloway booster card which would cost \$10/card with a 60% profit for the PTO, however the PTO would need to prepay for 450 cards; Pizza kit, with a two to three week selling window, then they would be delivered to us frozen – most popular during the Superbowl; Edible Arrangements; Applebee's fundraising night; Avon fundraiser with a 40% profit return.

Andrea will further research the Equal Exchange and Avon fundraisers. Also, her research into the Staples rewards showed that it isn't really worth the time and money required to do it.

Andrea will also research the contacts regarding showing a movie and find out if that could be a potential fundraiser.

Patty is going to move forward with the Stop and Shop school benefits program which works much like Big Y's program.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to accept September minutes made by Tia, seconded by Suzanne.

Treasurer's Report:

Officially the fall carnival made \$7,216.05; tickets and concessions made \$1,655.81 of that and the raffle profited \$311.00, and the bake sale made \$208.24; the silent auction made \$5,041.00 if promised monies are all collected.

Young author day is a tentative item on the budget;

PTO pays for entrance fees for field trips and last year paid for quite a few busses at the end of the year.

Scholastic made a promotion for buying books online, but teachers would still get points.

Some of the fundraisers that the PTO has historically done may need to be rethought (see VP report).

The school dance needs to be added as a line item to the budget for \$750. Motion made by Andrea, seconded by Julie

Motion to accept budget made by Patty, seconded by Jennifer

Emergency closing and student directory will move forward.

Scrip gift cards are an easy fundraiser and Kim will send out a flyer mid-October.

Last year's school photographer has Southeast School listed as a disputed claim for \$1000 and it seems unlikely the PTO will be refunded that money.

Motion to adjourn: Kimberly Clark

Motion to second by: Julie Brown

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Novick

Next meeting November 2, 2009